

Supplementary Information

A New Organic-Inorganic Hybrid Based on the Crescent-Shaped Polyoxoanion $[\text{H}_6\text{SiNb}_{18}\text{O}_{54}]^{8-}$ and Copper-Organic Cations

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1. Materials and Methods

All the chemicals were obtained from commercial sources, and were used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer; Nb, Si and Cu were determined with a Plasma-SPEC(I) ICP atomic emission spectrometer. IR spectrum was performed in the range 4000–400 cm^{-1} using KBr pellets on an Alpha Centaur FT/IR spectrophotometer. Powder X-ray diffraction measurement was recorded radiation ranging from 5 to 50° at room temperature on a Siemens D5005 diffractometer with Cu-K α ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the samples was performed using a Perkin-Elmer TG-7 analyzer heated from room temperature to 900 °C under nitrogen at the heating rate of 5 °C·min⁻¹.

2. Synthesis

Syntheses of **1**: $\text{K}_7\text{HNb}_6\text{O}_{19}\cdot 13\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was prepared according to the literature method and identified by IR spectra.¹ Ethylenediamine (0.003 g, 0.050 mmol) was added to the solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{Ac})_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.024 g, 0.100 mmol) in water (5 mL) under stirring. Then the resulting blue solution was added dropwise to the solution of $\text{K}_7\text{HNb}_6\text{O}_{19}\cdot 13\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.137 g, 0.100 mmol) and $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3\cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.057 g, 0.200 mmol) in water (10 mL) under stirring. Subsequently, the mixture was adjusted to pH 11 using NaOH (1 molL⁻¹) solution and was transferred into a 23 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel container and heated at 160 °C for 72 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the block-shaped purple crystals of **1** were collected by filtration. Yield: 39 mg (32.1% based on Nb). Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc.: C 5.24%; H 2.25%; N 6.11%. Found: C 5.40%; H 2.44%; N 6.33%.

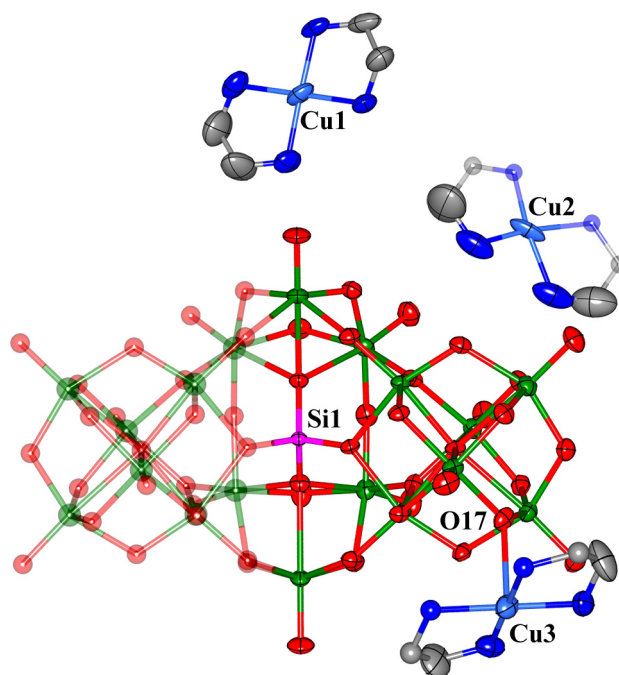


Fig. S1. ORTEP diagram showing the asymmetric unit of compound 1 with thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability.

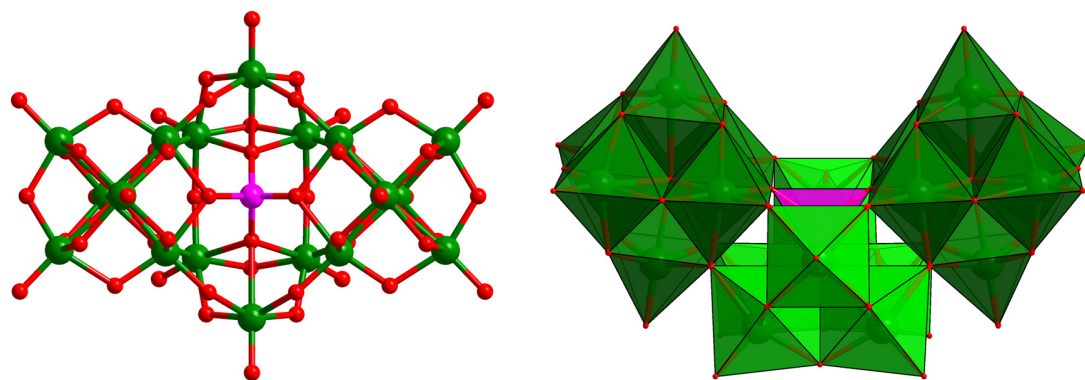


Fig. S2. Ball-and-stick and polyhedral representations of the polyoxoanion $[H_6SiNb_{18}O_{54}]^{8-}$.

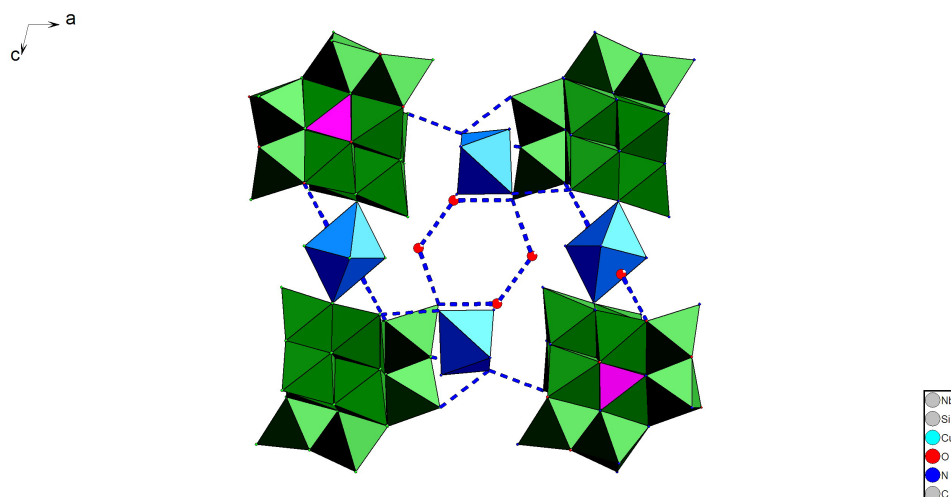


Fig. S3. The H-bond of the 3D supramolecular structure.

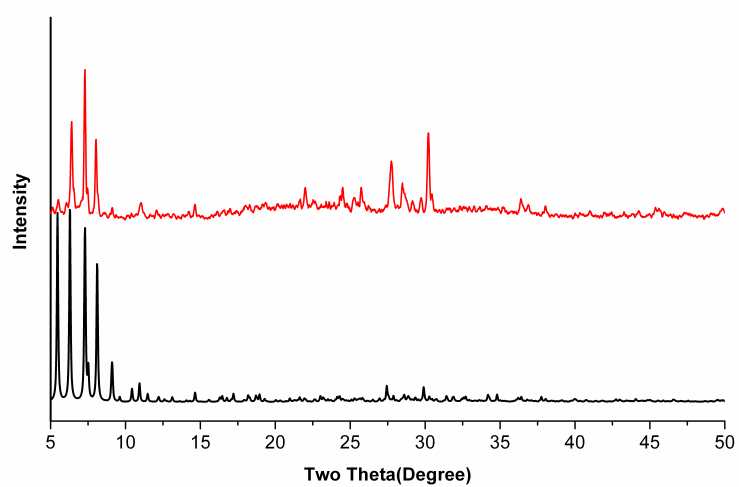


Fig. S4. The XRPD pattern (top) and simulated pattern (bottom) of **1**.

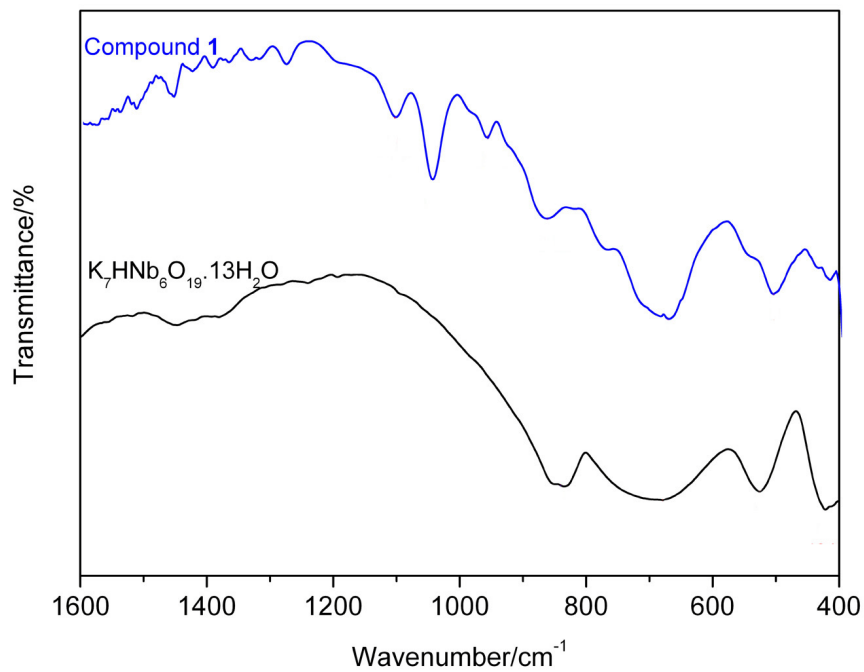


Fig. S5. The IR spectrum of **1**.

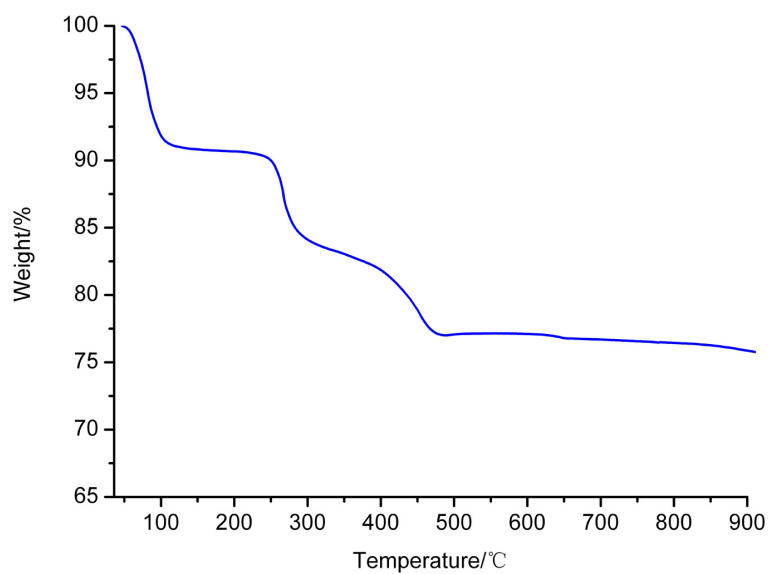


Fig. S6. The TG curve of **1**.

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